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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### FISHERY UPDATE



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#### SITKA SOUND HERRING FISHERY UPDATE #10

Yesterday, April 2, the Sitka Sound herring sac roe fishery was opened in the northwest portion of Sitka Sound that included the waters of Hayward Strait and Krestof Sound north of 57°06.02' N. latitude, south of 57°13.00' N. latitude, and west of a line from the northernmost tip of Crow Island to Kresta Point. The fishery opened at 11:30 a.m. and closed at 4:40 p.m. The preliminary harvest estimate is 5,610 tons. The preliminary harvest for the first opening on March 31 is 4,730 tons for a total harvest this season of 10,440 tons. This leaves approximately 18,390 tons remaining of this year's guideline harvest level of 28,829 tons. The plan is to stand down on further fishing until Thursday to allow for processing and tendering capacity to become available for the next harvesting opportunity.

During yesterday's aerial survey a total of 17.4 nautical miles of active spawn was recorded broadly distributed throughout northern Sitka Sound. Today the department will be conducting aerial to continue monitoring the distribution of herring and the progress of the spawn. The next vessel survey is scheduled for Wednesday.

The recorded message phone at (907) 747-1009 is experiencing technical problems and not working.

Updates will be posted on the ADF&G web site listed below.

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